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## ***HISTORIC COUNTY BUILDINGS IN OLD TOWN RESTORED: Restoration of Whaley House and Senlis Cottage Celebrated***

District 4 County Supervisor Ron Roberts, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and the Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) have partnered to restore historic buildings in the Old Town area including the Verna House and Senlis Cottage.

In 1965, the Verna House (c. 1870) was saved from demolition and moved to the County owned Whaley House Compound in Old Town San Diego. Early this year, DPR and SOHO collaborated to restore the home to its Victorian grandeur. Restoration work included a new concrete foundation, entryway, second story shingles, ADA access ramp, windows, floors, surrounding gas lamps, landscaping, and the paint was also restored to its original colors. The most visually noteworthy aspect of the restoration project is the replacement of the ridge cresting that once adorned the second story.

A short walk up the street at Heritage County Park, Senlis Cottage has also been restored to its original color scheme. Built by Eugene Senlis in 1896, most likely from a set of mail order plans, this modest cottage stands as an example of a Victorian working class home. Currently, Senlis Cottage is used as a park interpretive center and County Parks store.

To celebrate these accomplishments District 4 County Supervisor Ron Roberts will lead a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Verna House (located at 2482 San Diego Avenue in Old Town) on Thursday September 30, at 4 p.m. Afterwards, guest can enjoy tours of the Verna House, Whaley House, and Heritage Park as well as refreshments and live music by Los Californios.

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